THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The financial estimates prepared by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) for implementation of the Right to Education Bill, 2005, drafted earlier, to put in to effect the right to free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of six to fourteen years, has since been revised and now indicates a lower figure of Rs. 2,28,674 crores.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Target for higher education

†771. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target of 8.4 million students has been fixed for providing higher education in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the facts in that regard;

(c) whether it is also targeted to expand the technical and vocational education;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of students getting the benefits under the present arrangement with regard to technical, vocational and general higher education during 2006-07.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) is proposed to be increased to 15% by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2011-2012), from the present about 10% (2006-2007).

(c) to (e) It is proposed that the enrolment in the higher education will increase from 12.8 Million in 2006-2007 to 21.2 Million in 2011-2012. Increase in the enrolment in general higher education is projected from existing 10.3 Million to 14.8 Million and in technical education from 2.4 Million to 6.3 Million during this period.

Share of Karnataka in education cess

772. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to Karnataka out of the education cess for 2005-06 and 2006-07, and also that earmarked for 2007-08, for various educational schemes, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the State Government has contributed its share, so as to fully utilize the Central assistance during 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the number of students/persons benefited from each educational scheme during these two years, year-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The proceeds of Education Cess, credited into a non-lapsable fund called Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK), are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme of the Government. Expenditure on SSA and MDM is financed from PSK each year after the funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilized. Allocations to States are not made separately against the Education Cess. Assistance to States is released as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocations for SSA and MDM.

Central Assistance to Karnataka and State share contributed by Karnataka under SSA and MDM schemes is given below:

(Rs. In lakhs)

year	SSA including NPEGEL*		MDM	
	GOI releases	State share	GOI releases	State contribution
2005-06	28303.780	14401.652	14726.33	No minimum mandatory state share prescribed.
2006-07	54206.985	16031.958	24746.02	Rs. 25347.00 lakhs @ Rs. 1.66 per child/ school day
2007-08	17700.00 (17-8-2007)	#34393.845	9513.14	Budget provision of Rs. 33017.40 lakhs which includes contribution to cover children in classes I-VII

* National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level

\# Provision earmarked in State Budget

(c) Number of students/children benefited under SSA, NPEGEL & MDM Schemes is as under:

Year	SSA	NPEGEL	MDM
2005-06	86,44,069	14,01,541	49,62,764
2006-07	87,21,648	11,90,336	46,53,694

Fees for higher education

773. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to increase the tuition fees for higher education at a uniform rate for all the students, irrespective of the income of their parents; and